



CROMERCHURCH

transforming lives with Jesus Christ

Prayer Diary - November 2020

*Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on Cromer.
Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on the Church.
Lord, pour your Holy Spirit on me. Amen.*

This month's diary continues to reflect the changes caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Please check the Weekly Update for up-to-date news of what is happening.

Sunday worship during lockdown is now at 10.30am on the Cromer Church YouTube channel, accessed in the normal way. (Either use this link: www.youtube.com/channel/UC0ySrZRXcovTLvIL136AHuQ/ and click the "Subscribe" button to get to the CromerChurch channel, or go to YouTube and search for 'Cromer Church'.)

Morning Prayer continues to be streamed on the Cromer Church Facebook page at 9.30am on weekdays.

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Please check weekly publicity for details and updates, especially if restrictions change. If events start happening, they will need prayer support.

This month's mission focus is the Bible Society.

See below for all mission partner requests.

Sun 1 Worship Theme: Revelation 18 - Babylon cast down
Preacher: David Masters (10:30 and 3:00)
Our church leaders; our church governing bodies (synods)

Mon 2 *Mission Partner: Andrew and Maria Leake*

Tue 3 *All who are sick in body, mind or spirit*

Wed 4 *The social services and all preparing for lockdown tomorrow*

- Thu 5** *Mission Partner: Canaan*
- Fri 6** *The Queen and members of parliament*
- Sat 7** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; the Bible Society*
- Sun 8** Remembrance Sunday
10.30 am Worship on YouTube
Theme: Revelation 19 - The last battle
Preacher: Will Warren
Our church leaders; other local church leaders
- Mon 9** *The persecuted church (see below)*
- Tue 10** *Mission Partner: CPAS*
- Wed 11** *The armed forces, victims of war, and the resolution of conflicts*
- Thu 12** *Local government, community leaders*
- Fri 13** *Mission Partner: London City Mission*
- Sat 14** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; the Bible Society*
- Sun 15** 10.30 am Worship on YouTube
Theme: Revelation 20 - The thousand years
Preacher: Will Warren
Our church leaders; our small group leaders
- Mon 16** *Mission Partner: Michelle Proctor*
- Tue 17** *Those in the midst of famine or disaster*
- Wed 18** *Local government workers*
- Thu 19** *Mission Partner: Prison Fellowship*
- Fri 20** *The media and the arts*
- Sat 21** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; the Bible Society*
- Sun 22** 10.30 am Worship on YouTube
Theme: Revelation 21 - Paradise regained
Preacher: Tim Britton
Our church leaders; our national church leaders
- Mon 23** *Mission Partner: Scripture Union*
- Tue 24** *Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice*

- Wed 25** *All who work in the criminal justice system*
- Thu 26** *Mission Partner: Tearfund*
- Fri 27** *Peace and justice in the world*
- Sat 28** *Tomorrow's worship and teaching; the Bible Society*
- Sun 29** 10.30 am Worship on YouTube
Theme: Revelation 22 - I am coming soon!
Preacher: Will Warren
Our church leaders; our national church leaders
- Mon 30** *For a nation prepared for the Lord's return*

The persecuted church: Ethiopia (Contact: Ken Nash)

Described as 'The Massacres Nobody's Talking About' at least five hundred Christians were killed by Muslim extremists this summer in Ethiopia. Barnabas Fund reports that the slaughter took place between the end of June and the end of August. Thousands of others fled for their lives. Pregnant women, children and whole families were massacred. There are shocking reports of children forced to witness their parents being hacked to death, and of the killers parading body parts through the streets. Please continue to pray for persecuted believers - persecution is on the increase around the world. *Heart Newspaper / Barnabas Fund*

MISSION PARTNER PRAYER REQUESTS

Andrew Leake (CMS/Compassion International) (Contact: David Leake)

Andrew writes:

- The provincial government in Salta has just eased regulations on deforestation. This is a huge blow to the efforts we have made over the years to put a stop to forest loss. Please pray for wisdom and discernment on how we and others can effectively respond to this new challenge.
- Andrew has recently taught two classes of young people about climate care. They and their schools were highly appreciative. Pray for further opportunities like this so we can support the younger generation in the environmental challenges they face.
- Pray for our children. Tomas has some work but is waiting for his main job to re-open. Cecilia is applying to do a Masters in law somewhere in Europe. Carolina is completing her last semester of classes at vet school. She is hoping she can get back to university soon to do practicals.

Bible Society (Contact: David Orsborne)

November is Bible Society's focus month. Please give thanks and pray every day during the month for the work of Bible Society. You can find out more at www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-Br9p4AovE, find prayer resources at www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/pray-with-us or get *Word in Action* and *Prayer in Action* from www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/word-in-action.

- Thank God that donations from a series of appeals going back to April have brought together £1 million worth of support to rescue Bible mission around the world. So far Bible Society has had 62 requests from struggling teams, and help has already been sent to 15 teams (www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/donate/appeals/your-help-is-rescuing-local-bible-societies-threatened-by-covid).
- Please pray for the work of Open the Book as they try to find safe and creative ways to resume their important work of sharing Bible stories with children. Pray especially for our local teams that their video project and Christmas initiative will be successful and well-received (www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book).
- Bible Society's Christmas resources are now available, including their new booklet for children, 'It Begins in Bethlehem - A Nativity Rhyme for Christmastime'. 'It Begins in Bethlehem' presents a fresh perspective on the nativity, with 'glorious rhymes from Bob Hartman and lively illustrations by Mark Beech'. Please pray that this and the other resources will be widely used, and effective in helping people discover the real good news of

Christmas. You can find the resources at www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/christmas.

- Please read www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/the-bible-and-covid19-lament-and-hope and www.biblesociety.org.uk/latest/news/proclaiming-the-gospel-in-the-bible-lands-during-the-pandemic and pray for these important Bible Society ministries. (Please contact David Osborne if you need a printed copy of the articles, and he will get one to you.)

Canaan Christian Centre (Contact: Evelyn Smith)

This month:

- Praise that Incredible Kids is continuing fortnightly with the same ten children, which is great. The way they watch and listen is very encouraging. They love the two hours we spend together. Continue to pray for the teaching, and the safety of us all.
- Praise for booking over half term and the couple living in the Peace wing. Canaan have increased their booking for two further months.
- Continue to pray for Kornel in Hungary. All mothers' homes and orphanages are closed so he has got a tiring job of much driving and delivering of parcels. Pray for children over half term. There are high levels of COVID-19 in Hungary so not many places they can go to.

CPAS (Contact: Jane Loades)

This month CPAS ask us to pray for:

- 'Leading in Evangelism'. Pray for the work of the Evangelism and Discipleship Team as they develop material for the online learning process.
- 'Leading in Uncertain Times'. Give thanks for the training that has taken place online since lockdown that has helped churches to thrive and grow. Please pray for the ongoing online training this autumn.

"Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I shall never be shaken."

Psalm 62:2

London City Mission (Contact: Elizabeth Bridger)

This month: there have been many recent changes in the mission to pray about:

- Efrem Buckle, pastor of Ecclesia church in Lewisham is the new deputy CEO and director of Training and Mentoring. He has worked in the mission for six years and helped to establish the Pioneer Programme.
- There are seven new members of the Pioneer Programme, an intensive

two-year discipleship and evangelism course, enabling Londoners from deprived areas to access training.

- A number of missionaries are moving on to other areas of Christian ministry or theological training or ordination or secular employment.
- The current COVID situation has brought many lonely people to seek help and friendship. There have been many accounts of people, mainly Muslims, receiving dreams and visions of Jesus. Missionary Alice says there is a new openness since the pandemic began. Please pray that the trickle of seekers becomes a flood!
- Missionary Emmanuel has started a simple house-to-house visiting scheme, asking if people have prayer requests. This has often opened up fruitful conversations... but so far, out of 100 such visits, only 20 are really encouraging... so far! But it is beginning to build friendships and trust. Emmanuel is training church members to engage in this venture with him.
- Please pray for perseverance, patience and wisdom for all the missionaries.

Michelle Proctor (SIM) (Contact: Tim Britton)

This month Michelle writes:

- Please pray for our number of COVID cases to remain low and for protection for all working in the hospital.
- Pray that we would continue to have adequate supplies of PPE for the hospital.
- As rainy season approaches pray that we would have good rains and a good growing season so that there will be no shortages of food.
- Give thanks that our new operating theatre and ICU building is almost complete.

Prison Fellowship (Contact: Janet Rosier)

This month:

- Angel Tree is a Prison Fellowship programme enabling prisoners to send presents to their children at Christmas, with a personal greeting if they wish. Pray for the volunteers buying and wrapping presents during this month, and then delivering the presents early next month. May they have the energy and creativity to cope with the COVID-19 restrictions, and find joy in all they do.
- These are difficult financial times and funding Angel Tree presents is a challenge. Pray that donations will match the number of presents

requested and bought.

- Pray for all men and women serving time in our prisons today. Ask God to break through the fear and isolation, particularly as COVID-19 continues to spread and cause more uncertainty for us all.
- Pray for families whose lives are in turmoil due to a loved one being in prison, together with the uncertainty of whether visits will possible again soon.

Scripture Union (Contact: David Orsborne)

'Connecting You' is Scripture Union's supporter magazine, with news and daily prayer requests to support their exciting work. Contact David Orsborne for a copy, or get it and other prayer resources at content.scriptureunion.org.uk/support-us/prayer.

This month, please give thanks and pray for the work of Scripture Union:

- SU launched their 'Revealing Jesus' framework for mission on 14th October. If you missed it, you can watch the event at www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tJzBWolKSA. Please pray that many churches will want to use the Revealing Jesus framework to reach out to 'the 95' (the 95% of children and young people who are not currently connected with the church). Please also pray for 'the 95' campaign as a whole. You can find out more about it at www.vimeo.com/274854630 and content.scriptureunion.org.uk/95-campaign.
- Please pray that the Book of Wonders, 'a captivating, beautifully illustrated book that helps children to explore science and faith', will be well-received and widely read. Readers will be 'amazed by the intricately detailed illustrations as they learn about themselves, the world, the universe and more importantly, the God behind it all.' The Book of Wonders has been produced in collaboration with The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, an interdisciplinary research and communication enterprise linked to the University of Cambridge (content.scriptureunion.org.uk/book-wonders).
- SU's Mental Health and Wellbeing resources aim to help churches engage children and young people in supportive and helpful conversation around the challenges that they are facing. SU's Mental Health Suite has been endorsed by the Mental Health Foundation. Please pray that it will be widely taken up and well used at this challenging time (content.scriptureunion.org.uk/mentalhealth).

Tearfund (Contacts: Judith Anderson and Lynda Brown)

This month:

- Continue to pray for displaced people in many war-torn countries,

including children like Fadi, who lost a leg in an explosion in Iraq and now lives with his mother and sister in a camp with no proper amenities, money or identity cards. Pray for Tearfund workers as they seek to reach the many people who have nowhere to call home.

- Pray for funds to install toilets and hand-washing stations in poor areas of Africa affected by COVID-19.
- Tearfund prayed in September that the EU would commit to reducing emissions by 55% by 2030. The European Parliament has since voted and agreed to a 60% reduction by 2030. PRAISE GOD! Please keep praying that the EU countries will agree to this.
- More praise: Cambridge University has committed to cancel all investments in Fossil Fuel Companies by 2030. Thank God for the five-year commitment of the campaigning student group, 'Just Love'.

Please send prayer requests for December to Tim Britton
by Monday 23rd November.